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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, HA,US
SUBJECT: FURTHER COMMENT ON MARCH 19 NYT STORY ON RIGAUD

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 1065

1. REFTTEL DISCUSSED THE GENERAL REASONS WHY WE
THINK OUR APPROACH TO THE GOH IS NOT LIKELY TO
PROSPER. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE
PARALLEL ALLEGED BY THE NYT STORY BETWEEN KOREA/TONGSUN
PARK AND HAITI/RIGAUD.

2. WE SEE NO PARALLEL WHATSOEVER BETWEEN THE TWO
EXCEPT THAT JUSTICE WANTS BOTH IN THE UNITED STATES.
TONGSUN PARK IS IN THE GOOD STANDING OF HIS GOVERNMENT,
HE CARRIED OUT HIS WORK IN THE U.S. AND WHEN THINGS
GOT TOO HOT SOUGHT REFUGE IN KOREA. ALTHOUGH RIGAUD
WAS IN THE GOOD STANDING OF HIS GOVERNMENT SEVERAL
YEARS AGO, HE IS CURRENTLY UNDER GOH CRIMINAL CHARGES,
AND IS SEEKING REFUGE ABROAD FROM THOSE CHARGES.
THEREFORE, HE IS IN OPPOSITION TO HIS OWN GOVERNMENT
AND LIKELY WOULD USE ANY OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICLY
CRITICIZE THE GOH.

3. EMBASSY URGES DEPARTMENT AVOID ANY COMPARISON
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BETWEEN RIGAUD AND TONGSUN PARK CASE, BUT IF PRESSED
TO DO SO, SHOULD CLEARLY POINT OUT BASIC DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN TWO.
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